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1. AS ANOTHER POSITIVE STEP IN IMPROVING CONGEN COMPOUND SECURITY WE HAVE STARTED ROVING PATROL BY MARINE GUARD ON COMPOUND GROUNDS AT NIGHT. POST NUMBER 2 MANNED FROM 8PM TO 6AM WILL PROVIDE AMERICAN GUARD AS SUPPLEMENT FOR LOCAL GUARDS WHO, IT MUST BE KEPT IN MIND, ARE ERITREAN WITH QUESTIONABLE LOYALTY. POST SECURITY OFFICER AND NCOIC HAVE MADE RANDOM CHECKS OF LOCAL GUARD BOTH DAY AND NIGHT AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

2. WE DO NOT FEEL INCREASE LOCAL GUARD FORCE SUGGESTED REFTTEL SOLUTION SINCE EFFECTIVENESS ERITREAN GUARD DURING ACTUAL ATTACK BY INSURGENTS WOULD PIT ERITREAN AGAINST ERITREAN AND DOUBT IF GUARD WOULD SHOOT ONE OF HIS OWN. CONGEN WILL ATTEMPT HAVE EPMG MILITARY GUARDS PLACED ON COMPOUND.

3. CONGEN ALSO REMOVING FSL EMPLOYEE AND FAMILY NOW HOUSED ON COMPOUND WHICH WILL NOT ONLY IMPROVE SECURITY POSTURE BUT GIVE AMERICANS MUCH NEEDED LIVING SPACE AND MINIMIZE CONCENTRATION OF SLEEPING QUARTERS. AS FURTHER STEP COMPOUND NOW RESTRICTED TO ENTRY OF ONLY U.S. GOVT. VEHICLES, PRIVATE VEHICLES U.S. GOVT. EMPLOYEES, AND VEHICLES OF OTHER CONSULATES IN ASMARA. PRESENT TIGHT CONTROL  
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ON ALL VISITORS NOW EVEN MORE RIGID.

4. WITH INCREASE IN HOURS MARINES WILL BE ON DUTY (POST NO. 2 IS TEN HOUR TOUR DAILY) CONGEN WILL REQUIRE ONE ADDITIONAL WATCHSTANDER. TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT MENTIONED REFTTEL OF TWO PPSO MARINES WILL FILL GAP WHEN AND IF THEY ARRIVE PROVIDED THEY DO NOT REPLACE PRESENT WATCHSTANDER AS MENTIONED PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS. AS MINIMUM POST REQUIRES SIX WATCHSTANDERS AND ONE HIGHLY QUALIFIED NCOIC. MARINES WOULD BE WORKING 52.8 HOUR WEEK WITH FIVE WATCHSTANDERS AND 44 HOURS WITH SIX WATCHSTANDERS. 1/9TH FACTOR HAS BEEN USED IN ARRIVING AT ABOVE FIGURES. ARRIVAL OF SIXTH MARINE OR PPSU MARINES SHOULD BE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE DUE INCREASE INSURGENCY ACTIVITY. INCIDENTALLY ACTING NCOIC (TDY), SGT JOHN KIRALY, IMPRESSES US AS OUTSTANDING MARINE.  
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